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Prescot Urban District,

FOR THE YEAR 1966

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PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Chairman and Members of the
Prescot Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the health of Prescot Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

I am happy to report that the health of the community has remained satisfactory during the year.

The adjusted death rate at 13.7 per thousand compares not unfavourably with that for England and Wales (11.7).

The birth rate of 18.5 per thousand showes a decrease compared with the previous year (20.4). It was higher than the rate for England and Wales (17.7).

There was a change in infant mortality, 7 deaths being recorded as against 2 in the previous year. 6 of these deaths occurred before the age of one month.

The incidence of infectious disease showed an increase of one compared with the previous year. There were fewer cases of scarlet fever and measles, but more cases of whooping cough. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified and there were no cases of diphtheria. Only 2 cases of tuberculosis were notified.

During the year continued attention was given to the problem of sub-standard property and in consequence 34 houses were demolished.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the assistance I have had from all members of the Council and in particular Mr. C. J. Hulme.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
F. W. BUNTING

PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1966

SUMMARY of the Particulars required by the Ministry of Health Circular 1/67 dated January, 1967.

1.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area, in Acres	875
Population—Census, 1961, 13,077. Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, 1966	13,400
Number of inhabited houses (Census, 1931)	2,202
End of 1966	4,348
Rateable Value (1st April, 1967	£581,105
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,420

Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area.—The chief occupation of the inhabitants is Cable making (Electrical) at the Works of Messrs. British Insulated Callenders Cables, Ltd. Printing and Bookbinding are also important industries in the town.

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.—None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year.—No.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.—None.

Any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults.—No

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births—		M.	F.
Total	261	145	116
Legitimate	250	137	113
Illegitimate	11	8	3

Birth Rate per 1000 population 18.5

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births 4.2

Still Births—	M.	F.
Total	2	1
Legitimate	2	1
Illegitimate	—	—

Rate per 1000 total live and still births 19.7

Total Live and Still Births 264

Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)—	M.	F.
Total	4	3
Legitimate	4	3
Illegitimate	—	—

Infant Mortality Rates—

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births 26.8

Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births ... 28.0

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births ... Nil.

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) 23.0

Early neo-natal Mortality Rate(deaths under 1week per 1000 total live births) 23.0

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births) 34.1

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)—

Number of deaths ... ... Nil.

Rate per 1000 total live and still births ... ... Nil.

	Live births		Deaths (all cases)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1966 ...	261	18.5	148	13.7	3	19.7	Nil	Nil	7	26.8	6	23.0
Year 1965 ...	287	20.4	129	12.0	6	17.1	Nil	Nil	2	7.0	2	7.0
Year 1964 ...	268	19.1	155	14.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	7.5	2	7.5
Year 1963 ...	278	20.0	164	15.6	3	10.7	Nil	Nil	5	18.0	5	18.0
Year 1962 ...	267	18.4	141	12.8	9	32.6	Nil	Nil	3	11.2	2	7.5
Year 1961 ...	252	17.5	166	15.3	3	11.8	Nil	Nil	9	35.7	6	23.8
Avge. 5 years 1961-1965 ...	270	19.1	151	14.0	4	14.4	Nil	Nil	4	15.9	3	12.7

* **Adjusted** { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 0.95).
death-rate (comparability factor, 1.24).

CAUSES OF DEATH IN PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT IN 1966

Causes of Death	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	1	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	10	—
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	5
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	—	—
Diabetes	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	15
Coronary disease, angina	16	9
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—
Other heart disease	4	15
Other circulatory disease	3	4
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	5	4
Bronchitis	11	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	7
Motor vehicle accidents	—	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	2
All causes	74	74
Deaths—Total	148	

Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population—

Total (all forms) :—Crude	11
Adjusted	13.7
Respiratory T.B.	0.15
Malignant neoplasms, etc.	1.94

2.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. F. W. Bunting, M.B.E., M.D., D.P.H.
Health Centre, Kingsway, Widnes, Lancs. Telephone—Widnes 3055.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the local authority? Part time.
Any other public appointments held by him? Divisional Medical Officer, Health Division No. 9, Lancs. C.C.
Is he in private practice? No.

Public Health Inspector. One. Mr. Charles J. Hulme, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I
Is he a whole or part-time officer? Whole time.

Veterinary Inspector. No.

Any other Specialised Inspectors (e.g.—Food Inspector)? No.

Other Public Health Officers, such as Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Health Visitors, Special Nurses, Dental Surgeon, etc.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health: Dr. D. H. Williams, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., D.P.H.

Any local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district (please give dates).—
New Streets and Buildings, 31st December, 1953.
Slaughter Houses, 15th March, 1932.
Nuisances—Removal of noxious matters, 15th March, 1932.
Nuisances—Keeping of Animals, 15th March, 1932.
Common Lodging Houses, 15th March, 1932.
Handling, wrapping and delivery of food, etc., 24th July, 1950.

3.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water supply: Source.	Liverpool Corporation, from Lakes Vyrnwy and Rivington.
Is supply satisfactory?	(a) In quality; Yes. (b) In quantity; Yes.
Constant or intermittent.	Constant.
Approximate number of dwelling-houses with piped supplies (public and private).	Direct from Mains 4,347. By stand pipe, One.
Possibilities of contamination.	None known.
Action taken in respect of any form of contamination.	None.
Any liability to plumbo-solvent action?	No.
If piped supply, state if water has been controlled by bacteriological examination.	If so, number of examinations. None by District Council. All examinations carried out by supplying Authority.
Approx. number of dwelling-houses* supplied from wells, springs, streams, etc.	Nil.
Have these waters been analysed during the year? If so, state result.	—
Any insufficiency, and where.	No.
Nature of extensions (if any) during the year.	Mains extended on new housing site.

Rivers and Streams—	
Action taken to check the pollution of streams.	Inspections made. Informal samples taken
Sources and nature of pollution.	Trade waste.
Have any new works been established (such as artificial silk works, cheese manufactories, etc.), and is there any resultant river pollution?	No.
Drainage and Sewerage—	
Sewage disposal works, method of treatment.	Hydrolytic Tank and Bacterial Filters.
Any extension or improvement during the year with regard to works and sewerage system.	None.
Areas, or Townships, without proper drainage system, and reason therefore.	Three houses not on sewers. No sewer available.
Action taken—Drain testing, flushing, etc.	Sewers are regularly inspected and flushed.
Closet Accommodation at end of 1966.	Privy Middens.—Nil.
Does this system still exist in populous and closely built centres?	No Number of pail closets, Nil. Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens), Nil. Number of fresh water closets, 5307. Number of movable ashbins for refuse 5,505. Number of waste water closets, Nil. Number of houses on water carriage system, 4348.

Conversions—	During year 1966.	During five years, 1961—1965.
Number of privy closets		
To fresh w.c.'s	None	None
To waste w.c.'s	None	None
To pails, etc.	None	None
Number of pail closets		
To fresh w.c.'s	None	None
To waste w.c.'s	None	None
Number of waste w.c.'s to fresh w.c.'s.	None	None
Number of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles.	None	None

Is there any definite policy at the present time for abolishing privy middens and pail closets?	None in District.
Does Council contribute towards the cost of conversion? If so, how much?	Half cost, and Ashbin, towards conversion of midden.
What kind of closet accommodation is being provided for **new** property?	Fresh Water.

Public Cleansing—	
(a) The method of collecting dry house refuse.	Weekly collection by Motor Dust Lorry.
(b) The method of collecting refuse from earth closets and privies.	None in District.
(c) The method of disposing of dry house refuse.	Tipping on land in adjoining district.
(d) The method of disposing of refuse from earth closets and privies.	None in District.
(e) The method of cleansing cesspools.	None in District.
(f) Arrangements for the disposal of cesspool contents.	None in District.
If a destructor provided, state situation.	None provided.
Total Inspections for all purposes by Public Health Inspector during 1966—	
Number of premises visited.	832.
Number of visits.	1,563.
Defects or nuisances.	Number discovered (excluding defects in houses for action under Sec. 16 of the Housing Act, 1957), 240. Number abated, 214.
Number of Notices served.	Informal, 240; Statutory, 19.
Legal proceedings.	Nil.
Clean Air Act, 1956—	
Number of factory chimneys in the district.	21.
Number of observations taken during the year.	9.
Number of legal proceedings and results.	Nil.
Particulars of any co-operative action with industry.	Factories visited, Managements helpful.
Smoke Control Areas—	
(a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year.	Nil.
(b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year.	Nil.
(c) Total No. of orders in force at end of year.	Two.
(d) No. of houses and other buildings involved in (a)	Nil.
in (b)	Nil.
and in (c)	766.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963—

	CLASS OF PREMISES				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, Warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(a) No. of registered premises at end of year	19	95	—	14	—
(b) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year ...	9	75	—	3	—
(c) No. of exemptions current at end of year:—					
Space (S.5.(2))	—	—	—	—	—
Temperature (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)	—	—	—	—	—
Washing facilities (S.10)	—	—	—	—	—

(d) No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registerd premises. 140.

(e) Details of any prosecutions during year. Nil.

Swimming Baths and Pools—	None in District.
Disinfestation:—	
Particulars of action taken during 1966:—	
Number of houses found to be infested.	(a) Council Houses 0 (b) Other Houses 0 } 0
Number of houses disinfested.	(a) Council Houses 0 (b) Other Houses 0
Methods employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs.	Liquid spray and D.D.T.; Kilgercide Insecticide, containing D.D.T.; almost instant death on contact. Satisfactory.
State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used and efficiency thereof.	
Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor?	Local authority.

Schools—

Total number of schools in the district 7

Sanitary condition of schools:

(a) Number of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces ... ... Nil

(b) Sanitary accommodation—Number of schools with:

(i) Fresh water closets 7 (ii) Waste water closets Nil

(iii) Trough closets ... Nil (iv) Pail closets ... ... Nil

(v) Privy closets ... ... Nil

(c) Refuse disposal—Number of schools with:
(i) Dust Bins ... ... 7 (ii) Dry ashpits ... Nil

(d) Water supply—Number of schools supplied from:
(i) Public mains ... 7 (ii) Private supplies ... Nil

(e) Number of schools where washing and drinking facilities are considered unsatisfactory—Washing, 2; Drinking, Nil.

(f) Drainage—Number of schools with drainage to:
(i) Public sewers ... 7 (ii) Private treatment works Nil

Are the facilities for handling meals at the schools considered satisfactory? ... ... Yes

Offensive trades. Action taken or needed. Date of any bye-laws in force in respect of offensive trades.	Nil. None. None in force.
Factories What is their condition?	Number on Register, 24. Generally Satisfactory
Common Lodging houses.	Number on Register? Nil. What is their condition? Date of bye-laws: 15/3/32.
Houses let in Lodgings.	Number on Register. None. Action taken or required. None. Date of bye-laws. None in force.
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	Date of bye-laws. None in force. Action taken or required. None.
Underground Sleeping Rooms.	Any need for regulations? No.
Canal Boats.	Number inspected. None in District.
Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928: State whether there are in the district any premises on which rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.	None. Number of samples taken. None

4.—HOUSING.

(a) STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

	Maisonettes	Houses	Flats
(i) By the Local Authority ...	—	12	—
(ii) By other Local Authorities ...	—	4	—
(iii) By other bodies and persons ...	—	5	—

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 496

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 881

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil

(b Number (or estimated number) at end of year 50

(3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 103

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 92

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

A.—Proceedings under sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... . —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... ... —

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ... —

*B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 19

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 15

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 3

C.—Proceedings under sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure 34
2 to 12 Albert Street.
49 to 55 Cyprus Street.
6 and 8 Atherton Street.
1 to 43 Beaconsfield Street.

D.—Proceedings under sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses, separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... None

(3) Number of back to back houses dealt with ... ... None

1. **General Observations as to housing conditions,** including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types—any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding: Approx. 7% of the total number of houses in the District were erected prior to 1890, 24% were erected between the years 1890 and 1918. and 69% from 1918 to date.

Approximate number of back-to-back houses in the district—Nil.

2. **Sufficiency of supply of houses.**

(a) Extent of shortage, stating minimum number and type of houses required. Approximately 500 applications for Housing Accommodation on the General Housing List, and 114 on the Old Aged Persons List.

(b) Particulars of any housing scheme in hand or contemplated. Scheme of 40 houses and 28 maisonettes in progress (Shaw Lane and Bryer Estates).

(c) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future. None.

(d) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses. District now almost built up.

Comments on the extent to which housing matters have been affected by the changed conditions during the year under review: Housing matters have been adversely affected by high costs which are holding up the carrying-out of repairs, also shortage of skilled labour.

3. Housing Act, 1957 Part IV—Overcrowding.

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings known to be overcrowded at the end of the year	1
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	1
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	6
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	None
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	4

(a) Number of cases of overcrowding in houses owned by the local authority which have been relieved during 1966. Nil.

(b) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. None.

(c) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding, e.g., causes. Sons and daughters married and living with parents. Shortage of houses.

4. Fitness of houses.

(a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts. Repairs are difficult due to increased costs and shortage of skilled labour. Sec. 9 of the Housing Act, 1957, not considered very usable.

(b) Special measures taken or suggested, e.g., in relation to particular types of insanitary property or in regard to arrangements for the gradual carrying-out of programmes of repair. Repairs being executed as far as possible.

(c) Number of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply. 1.

(d) Number of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. Nil.

5. **Action taken during the year regarding Clearance Areas:—**

Number of areas represented. One.

Number of areas cleared None.

Number of new houses built to rehouse displaced tenants. Nil.

Improvement Areas:—

Number of areas represented. None.

6. **Byelaws relating to houses, to houses let in lodgings, and to tents, vans, sheds, etc.**

Adequacy of existing bye-laws of each class, and special difficulties in or limits upon their enforcement. Bye-laws required with respect to houses let in lodgings and to tents, vans and sheds.

5.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supplies. Action taken with regard to—	
The administration of The Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.	Milk shops periodically inspected, also milk carts and vans.
No. of milk shops in the District.	12.
Brucella Abortus. —No. of samples of Raw Milk examined.	Nil.
(b) Meat, etc.—Observations on—	Periodic inspections carried out.
(1) Action taken with regard to meat and other food, including inspection of slaughterhouses, meat shops, stalls and vehicles and places where food is prepared.	The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption or otherwise unsaleable for human consumption:—307 tins of food (blown, punctured or badly damaged); 611 packets of Frozen Foods after failure of refrigeration plants.
The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.—No. of egg pasteurisation plants in the district.	Nil.
(2) Has a public slaughterhouse been provided?	No.
Private slaughterhouses:—	Number registered: None. Number licensed: None.
Bakehouses:	Number: 3. Condition: Satisfactory.

6. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year 1966, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

Decreased incidence of Scarlet Fever. There were 34 cases of Scarlet Fever compared with 44 the previous year. No case of Diphtheria or Poliomyelitis notified.

If any of the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable in your district, state for what period (see Table on page 17):

Measles—Yes. Whooping Cough—Yes. Diarrhœa (under 2 years)—No.

Chicken-pox—No.

Any others—No.

Observations—None.

Number of times School Closure adopted during 1966 for—

Scarlet Fever—None. Whooping Cough—None. Diphtheria—None.

Chicken-pox—None. Measles—None. Influenza—None.

Any other diseases—None.

Other diseases which have received special attention, e.g., locally contracted anthrax, epidemic jaundice, rheumatic fever, undulant fever, glandular fever, or psittacosis? None.

Disinfection after infectious disease:—

Number of houses disinfected during 1966, 3. Method (state disinfectant used):—Fumigation by Formalin.

Are houses disinfected after (a) Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Yes. (b) Measles No.

Prevention of Damage of Pests Act, 1949.—Particulars of any action taken by the local authority during the year:—

Sewers and Sewage Works treated bi-annually.

56 house premises treated for Rats

7 house premises treated for Mice.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1966.

"NOTIFIABLE" DISEASES	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED										
	Total Cases at all Ages	AGE PERIODS—YEARS									
		Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Age unknown
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	34	...	5	5	10	11	2	1	...	...	...
Diphtheria (including membranous croup) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles (excluding rubella)	70	4	27	19	17	2	1	...	...	...	...
Whooping cough	19	1	5	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute poliomyelitis—Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Non-paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute encephalitis—Infective	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Post-infectious	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria—Contracted in England and Wales ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contracted Abroad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food poisoning	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis—Respiratory	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Meninges and C.N.S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any other diseases notifiable in district, e.g.:—											
Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any other disease—(specify)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	127	6	38	28	36	13	3	1	1	1	...

Is there any evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district? No.

Public Health Act, 1925 and 1936.

Any action taken under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936? None.

If so, number of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital. None.

Number of cases in which Orders were granted—None. Observations—None.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961, IN CONNECTION WITH FACTORIES, for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

PART I OF THE ACT.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of: Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	34	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	7	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	27	41	Nil	Nil

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied	Referred: To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK, SECTIONS 110 AND 111.

NATURE OF WORK. (1)	Instances (2)	Notices served (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, etc.			
Cleaning and washing			
Household linen			
Lace, lace curtains and nets			
Curtains and furniture hangings			
Furniture and upholstery			
Electro-plate			
File making			
Brass and brass articles			
Fur pulling			
Cables and chains			
Anchors and grapnels			
Cart gear			
Locks, latches and keys			
Umbrellas, etc.			
Artificial flowers			
Nets, other than wire nets			
Tents			
Sacks			
Racquet and tennis balls			
Paper, etc. boxes, paper bags			
Brush making			
Pea picking			
Feather sorting			
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.			
Stuffed toys			
Basket making			
Chocolates and sweetmeats			
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, etc.			
Textile weaving			
Lampshades			
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notable Sanitary Improvemnts during 1966:—Demolition of 34 old houses.

Chief Sanitary Requirements of district:—Demolition of substandard property, paving of back passages, re-conditioning of old property.

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